

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INTERFACING SIGNALING INFORMATION
AND VOICE TRAFFIC

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A telecommunications network (10) includes a gateway
(18) that receives signaling information in a message
based signaling format from a Class 5 softswitch (26).
10 The gateway (18) also receives voice traffic over an
inter-machine trunk from a public switched telephone
network (12). The gateway (18) places the voice traffic
into data packets. The gateway (18) transfers the data
packets and the signaling information to an Internet
Protocol network (30). The data packets and the
signaling information may be transferred over a common
physical link and over separate logical links.